



DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

DEVICE FOR SUPPORTING PATELLAR TENDON,

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ [X] was filed on December 2, 2003, as United States Application No. 10/726,088 or PCT International Application No. _____ and was amended on (if applicable) _____.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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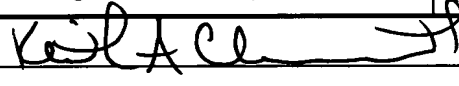
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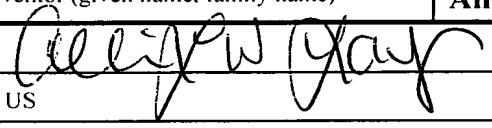
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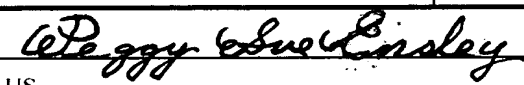
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